

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7. Cancelled.

8. (New) A parquet element comprising:

a support layer having tongue and groove joint surfaces formed on respective edges thereof;

a plurality of parquet strips arranged on the support layer, each parquet strip including two long sides and two narrow sides, at least a part of the elevation of edge faces of the narrow sides of each parquet strip having an impregnation applied thereon by a rolling or spreading on application.

9. (New) A parquet element according to claim 8, at least a part of the elevation of the edge faces of the long sides of each parquet strip also having the impregnation applied thereon by rolling or spreading on application.

10. (New) A parquet element according to claim 8, the entire elevation of the edge faces of the narrow sides and/or long sides of each parquet strip having the impregnation applied thereon by rolling or spreading on application.

11. (New) A parquet element according to claim 9, the entire elevation of the edge faces of the narrow sides and/or long sides of each parquet strip having the impregnation applied thereon by rolling or spreading on application.

12. (New) A parquet element according to claim 8, further comprising individual cross joints of the plurality of parquet strips formed in a longitudinal direction and in a transverse direction of the individual elements.

13. (New) A parquet element according to claim 9, further comprising individual cross joints of the plurality of parquet strips formed in a longitudinal direction and in a transverse direction of the individual elements.

14. (New) A method of manufacturing a parquet element having long and narrow sides, comprising:

providing a support layer having a first surface for receiving stress compensating means applied thereto and a second surface for receiving a plurality of parquet strips applied thereto, the long sides of the support layer having tongue and groove joint surfaces formed on edges thereof, and

applying, by rolling or spreading on application, an impregnation onto at least a part of the elevation of edge faces of the narrow sides of each parquet strip prior to applying the plurality of parquet strips onto the second surface of the support layer.

15. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein the providing step includes providing the plurality of parquet strips with individual cross joints formed in a longitudinal direction and in a transverse direction of the parquet element.

16. (New) A parquet strip of a parquet element including a support layer and a plurality of parquet strips, the parquet strip comprising:

two long sides; and

two narrow sides, at least a part of the elevation of edge faces of the narrow sides of the parquet strip having an impregnation applied thereon by rolling or spreading application.

17. (New) A parquet strip product according to claim 16, the entire elevation of the edge faces of the narrow sides of the parquet strip having the impregnation applied thereon by rolling or spreading application.